

What's On

September–December 2026

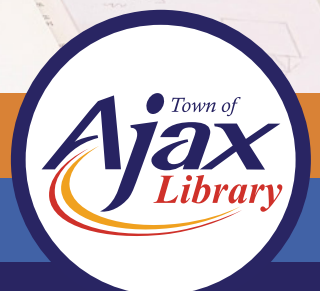
A photograph of two men sitting at a table. The man on the left is older, with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a blue fedora and a dark checkered shirt. He is holding a yellow pencil. The man on the right is younger, with a dark beard and a large afro, wearing a grey button-down shirt over a black t-shirt and a chain necklace. They are both smiling. On the table in front of them are several books, markers, and a smartphone.

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Repair Café

Saturday, September 19
1–3 p.m.

Drop-in at Main Branch

Do you have a broken item that needs repair? Come to our first-ever Repair Café! Our volunteer fixers will assess your item and do their best to fix it.

Kids! Vote for Your Library Champion!



We're looking for a Champion who loves the Library! There are four friendly candidates who are eager to get your vote—Barkley, Bizzy, Sheldon, and Dewey. Follow along on social media to meet the candidates, then visit a branch to cast your vote!

Monday, October 5–Wednesday, October 21:

Early voting begins at all branches

Wednesday, October 21, 5–8 p.m. at Main Branch: Voting Day!

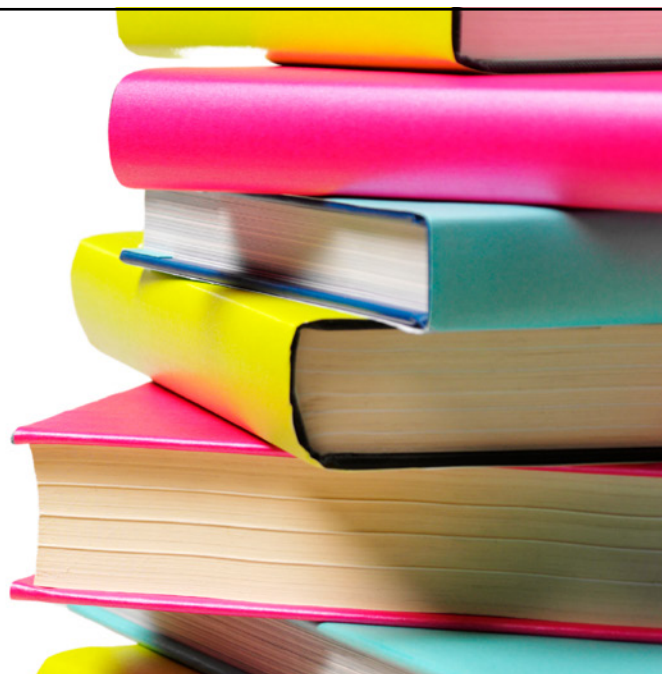
Learn more at ajaxlibrary.ca/Kids-Vote.



The **BIG** Book Sale

Saturday, November 7
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch | Free!



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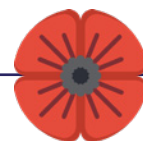
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Holiday Hours

All branches will be closed:

- Monday, September 7 (Labour Day)
- Wednesday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
- Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving)
- Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
- Saturday, December 26 (Boxing Day)



Remembrance Day

We remember the sacrifices made by others during wars, peacekeeping, and NATO actions. On Wednesday, November 11, we will observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. at all branches.

Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, honouring the survivors of residential schools and the children who never returned home.

On Monday, September 28, join us for an Author Visit with Monique Gray Smith (see page 4), and find book lists featuring Indigenous authors at ajaxlibrary.ca/Reflect.



First Nation Public Library Week

Sunday, October 4–Saturday, October 10 is First Nation Public Library Week. It's a celebration focused on raising awareness of First Nation resources, services, programs, and activities. It seeks to spotlight First Nation peoples and cultures, both past and present, and to provide materials that accurately and sensitively portray First Nation culture.

Art from First Nation Public Library Week poster
"The Roots of Reading" (2026) by Rebecca Sampson (Beausoleil First Nation)

Special Events



Adults

*Monique Gray Smith Author Visit

Monday, September 28, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch and Zoom

Bestselling author Monique Gray Smith will discuss her personal journey of truth and reconciliation and read from her various books.

Attend virtually or come to Main Branch for a special watch party! Presented in partnership with Durham and York Region Libraries.

*Breaking the Silence: Changing the Conversation About the Mental Health of Boys and Men

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Poor mental health affects everyone, yet many boys and men face unique barriers to recognizing their struggles, expressing their emotions, and seeking support. This engaging presentation explores the stigma surrounding the mental health of boys and men. Presented in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Durham Region Health Department.



Teens & Adults

*Safety and Self-Defence Workshop

Saturday, November 14, 2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn practical strategies focused on awareness, confidence-building, and personal safety for everyday situations. This workshop will be led by Master Rob Bartlett, a seventh-degree black belt with over 30 years of teaching experience. Presented in partnership with Villari's Studio of Self Defence.

All Ages

Pumpkinville

Saturday, October 17, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

All ages | Greenwood Conservation Area

Drop by the Library's booth for spooky crafts and activities! Learn more about Town of Ajax Pumpkinville at ajax.ca/Pumpkinville.

Art Hive

**Wednesdays, September 9, October 21,
November 18, December 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Main Branch

Join us for an evening of fun, expression, and creativity! An Art Hive is a community art studio that welcomes everyone as an artist. Drop in and bring your own project or pick up a new project using our variety of art supplies.

Celebrate Culture Days and Canadian Library Month!

Culture Days is Friday, September 18–Sunday, October 4, and October is Canadian Library Month!

*Ajax Public Library Writers' Group:

Culture Days Special

Wednesday, September 23, 7–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Have you ever wanted to start writing your own songs, taking the thoughts within and spilling them out on the page? Join us for a lyric writing workshop, featuring local musician and guest presenter Kevin "Shakey" Hayes.



Local Author Day

Saturday, October 3, 1–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Registration encouraged, but drop-ins welcome!

Drop by to meet local authors in the community and learn about their artistic journeys. Stay for the live readings, where featured authors will share excerpts from their work.

Special Events

October is Islamic Heritage Month

Islamic Heritage Month Storytime

Saturday, October 3, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Audley Branch

Celebrate and learn about the contributions of Muslims to the arts and sciences. Plus, enjoy reading, colouring, crafts, and henna! Presented in partnership with Muslim Women of Durham Region.

Immersive Exhibit with ISNA Canada: Art Exhibit and Reception

Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Main Branch

In celebration of Islamic Heritage Month, ISNA Canada, a national Canadian nonprofit institution, is hosting an Islamic art exhibit featuring works on display in the Rotary Room throughout October, and an immersive VR experience reception on October 24.

November is Hindu Heritage Month

Celebrate Hindu Heritage Month with Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir and Cultural Centre. View an information exhibit during November on display at Main Branch.

December is Christian Heritage Month

Christmas Family Storytime

Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Enjoy crafts, stories, and other fun activities about the importance of Christmas! Presented in partnership with St. Francis de Sales Women's League.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Beyond Barriers Art Show celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

In recognition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3), the Library and the Town of Ajax are proud to host the Beyond Barriers Art Show, celebrating creativity, resilience, and diverse perspectives.

Artists and writers of all ages who identify as persons with disabilities or advocates for the disability community are invited to submit their artwork or written work for display in this special exhibition. This is a platform to inspire, connect, and amplify the talents of our community.

Artwork on Display: Tuesday, December 1–Thursday, December 31 at Main Branch

Opening Reception: Wednesday, December 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Main Branch

For more information and to get an entry form, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Art-Shows.



Collaborative artwork from the 2025 Beyond Barriers Art Show.

Kids & Families

Storytimes (September 6–December 5)

STEAM Storytime Ages 2–4	STEAM Storytime Ages 2–4	Books for Babies Ages 0–2	Books for Babies Ages 0–2
Mondays 10–11 a.m.	Tuesdays 10–11 a.m.	Wednesdays 10–11 a.m.	Thursdays 1–2 p.m.
McLean Branch	Audley Branch	Main Branch	Audley Branch
There will be no Storytimes on September 7, 30, or October 12			

Sensory Storytime

Thursdays, September 10, 24; October 8, 22; November 5, 19; December 3
10–10:30 a.m.
Ages 2–6 | Grandview Kids

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 12, November 21, 10 a.m.–12 noon
Ages 3–12 | Grandview Kids

Family Storytime + Ajax Reading Circle

Saturdays, September 19, October 17, November 14, December 19, 10 a.m.–12 noon
Ages 3–12 | Audley Branch



1000
Colourful Stories

A reading club just for preschoolers! From birth to four years old is the best time to nurture a love of reading in your child. Sign up at any branch, get your first reading log, take it home, and read. Once your first reading log is full, come back to the Library for the next one and keep reading until you've read 1000 books together!

1000 Colourful Stories Storytime

Saturdays, September 26, December 5, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
Ages 0–4 | Audley Branch
Drop by for a storytime and to get your next reading log!

Kids & Families

Craft & Make

LEGO!

Saturdays, September 12, October 10, November 7

10 a.m.–12 noon

McLean Branch

Sundays, September 27, October 25

12 noon–2 p.m.

Audley Branch

Imagination Station

Thursdays, September 24, October 29, November 26,

December 17, 6–7:30 p.m.

McLean Branch

Drop by for fun crafts, scavenger hunts, and more!

PA Days

Craft & Movie: “Minions & Monsters” (PG)

Monday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Monday, October 26, 1:30–4 p.m.

Grandview Kids

Craft & Movie: “Dog Man” (PG)

Friday, November 13, 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Main Branch

Friday, November 13, 1:30–4 p.m.

Grandview Kids

For Babies

*Infant Hearing Screening Clinics

Wednesdays, September 2–December 30 (no session September 30)

9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Ages 0–2 months | Audley Branch

Babies up to two months of age are eligible to receive a hearing screening if they did not receive a screening at birth or require a follow-up screen. For more information or to book an appointment, visit childdevelopmentprograms.ca/BookMyBaby or call the Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program at 1-888-703-5437, ext. 4.



Find weekly themes at
ajaxlibrary.ca/Events

EarlyON

*Family Music and Movement

Thursdays, September 10–December 17 (no session November 12)

9:30–11 a.m.

Ages 0–6 | Audley Branch

Saturdays, September 19, October 3, November 14, December 12, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Ages 0–6 | Main Branch

Introduce your children to interactive songs, nursery rhymes, music, creative movement, and musical instruments. Learn more and register at keyon.ca.

Kids & Families



For Homeschool Learners

*Little Light Book Club

Fridays, September 11–November 6 (no session October 9), 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Ages 9–15 | Audley Branch

Join us for a one-of-a-kind book club experience that blends reading, creativity, and meaningful personal growth. Over 10 sessions, youth will explore great stories, play engaging literary games, and dive into themes like courage, curiosity, friendship, and identity. Facilitated by Tisha Lorincz.

Homeschool Club

Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, 1:30–3 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Audley Branch

Engage in STEAM-based experiments and activities alongside other homeschooling families in our monthly themed meet-up exclusively for homeschoolers.

*Little Light Book Club: Christmas Session

Fridays, November 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Ages 9–15 | Audley Branch

This heartwarming holiday book club blends reading, creativity, and meaningful personal growth. Over five sessions, youth will explore a memorable Christmas story, play engaging literary games, and dive into themes such as kindness, generosity, belonging, family, and compassion. Facilitated by Tisha Lorincz.

Fun & Games

Baby & Toddler Bubble Ball

Wednesday, September 2, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 0–5 | Main Branch

Dress yourself and your baby in your finest (or favourite) clothes and bring your dance moves to our bubble ball! We'll break out the bubble machine, a photo booth, and fun music to move to at this laid-back end-of-summer dance party for parents, babies, and toddlers. Drop in anytime and stay as long (or short) as you like. Older siblings welcome!

*Family D&D

Saturdays, September 12, October 10, November 21, December 5, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Ages 8–12 | Main Branch

Embark on a thrilling adventure at our D&D games just for kids! We'll provide you with a character, dice, and snacks—just bring yourself and your imagination. To register for one or more sessions, email Carly at libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca.



Cheeky the Chipmunk Fall Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, October 8, 5:30–7 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Audley Branch

Cheeky the Chipmunk has been busy tucking away their acorns in preparation for hibernation. However, they've also taken and hidden away items that belong to the Library! Can you help us find the missing items and return them to us? In return, you will be rewarded for your efforts!

Kids & Families

Multilingual

*French Math Tutoring

Tuesdays, October 6–November 24

Three 30-minute sessions at 5:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m., or 7:15 p.m. (one child registration per session)

Registration opens Thursday, October 1

Zoom

Are you in French school or French immersion, in Grade 1-6, and looking for help in French with your reading, math, or science assignments? Sign up for weekly 30-minute sessions of homework help with University of Toronto Scarborough Teachers in Training.

Es-tu une ou un élève de la 1^e année – 6^e année d'une école francophone ou d'immersion qui a besoin d'aide en français pour tes devoirs de lecture, de mathématiques, et/ou de sciences? Inscris-toi pour du tutorat gratuit par des enseignant(e)s agréés de l'Ontario.

*Le Club Français

Mondays, October 19–December 7 (no session November 9), 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ages 6–12 | Main Branch

Children in Grades 1–6 can improve their reading skills en français by practicing reading and speaking at this weekly session led by high school reading buddies!

Les enfants en 1^{re} année à 6^e année peuvent améliorer leur compréhension française en pratiquant la lecture et la compréhension orale dans ce programme hebdomadaire avec des compagnons de lecture du niveau secondaire.

Coding & STEM

*Black Girls Empowerment STEM Club

Tuesdays, September 22; October 6, 13, 5–6:30 p.m.

Grades 4–6 | Audley Branch

This club is designed to spark interest in STEM among young Black girls through hands-on activities and mentorship from Black female STEM students at Ontario Tech University.

Presented in partnership with the Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter and Ontario Tech University.



*Ontario Tech STEM Workshops

Saturday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 1–4

Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon | Grades 5–8

Audley Branch

These workshops introduce youth to the fundamental concepts of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through hands-on activities, with the goal of inspiring youth to learn more about STEM and gain confidence in their own abilities.

*Black Youth Empowerment STEM Club

Tuesdays, October 20, 27; November 3, 5–6:30 p.m.

Grades 4–6 | Audley Branch (October 27 session at Main Branch)

This initiative is designed to spark interest in STEM among Black youth through hands-on activities and mentorship from Black STEM students at Ontario Tech University. Presented in partnership with the Congress of Black Women of Canada Ajax/Pickering Chapter and Ontario Tech University.

Registration for programs closes at midnight the day before, unless otherwise noted.

Kids & Families

DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST!

Tuesday, September 8–Monday, October 5

Ajax kids in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 can showcase their love of reading by designing an original bookmark! Winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed in all branches each month in 2027.

The 12 winners will be announced during Ontario Public Library Week (Sunday, October 18–Saturday, October 24)!

The contest deadline is Monday, October 5, 2026!

For more information, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/BookmarkContest.



Winter Wonderland Holiday Events

Plan your winter break with the Library! Our full calendar of special holiday programs will be available in mid-November. Find it online at ajaxlibrary.ca/HolidayEvents or pick one up at any branch.

Letters to Santa

Saturday, November 21–Saturday, December 5

Write a letter to Santa with our template, drop it off at any branch, and we'll make sure he gets it!

Santa's Spectacle of Lights Parade & Warm-up Party

Saturday, November 28, 6–9 p.m.

Main Branch

Follow the Town's annual evening parade, then visit Main Branch for a children's craft and hot chocolate, hosted by the Library's Teen Advisory Committee.



Tweens & Teens

Tween Tech

*Recording Rock Stars

Saturdays, September 19, October 24, November 21, December 12, 2–3 p.m.

Ages 10–14 | Makerspace at McLean Branch

Have you ever wondered how a hit song gets made? Learn the basics of audio recording, including vocal editing and combining your recordings with music, to make your own masterpiece!

Learn

*Performance Power Up: Game-Changing Skills for High School Success

Wednesday, September 23, 5–6 p.m.

Ages 13–19 | Main Branch

Learn game-changing skills that will boost your clarity, build your capacity to work, and buy back your time. Bring the work that's frustrating you or work that you want to stay on top of, and together we'll change the game to ensure your success.

*Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

Mondays, October 19–December 7, 6:30–8 p.m.

Registration is for eight weeks

Ages 13–19 | Audley Branch

Youth will learn to evaluate their speaking abilities, prepare and deliver speeches, and provide feedback.

Fun & Games

*Gamers' Club Version 2.0!

Saturdays, September 26, October 31, December 19 2–4 p.m.

Ages 10–14 | Main Branch (December 19 session at Audley Branch)

Looking for a space to meet fellow video game fans? Each month we'll create a custom craft inspired by a different series, play Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and other Switch games, and compete in Kahoot trivia for the chance to win a prize!

TAC Presents

Islamic Heritage Month

Thursday, October 15, 6:30–8 p.m.

Audley Branch

Celebrate Islamic Heritage Month with snacks and crafts.

Halloween Party!

Friday, October 30, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Your Halloween costume rocks! Don't just wear it once. Drop by for snacks and all kinds of spooky fun.

Hindu Heritage Month

Thursday, November 12, 6:30–8 p.m.

Audley Branch

Explore Hindu Heritage Month with snacks, crafts, and fun activities.

Study Hall

Saturdays & Sundays, December 5, 6, 12, 13

Audley Branch open late to 7 p.m.

Are you looking for a place to cram for your exam? Hours will be extended until 7 p.m., with the Multipurpose Room available for quieter study.



MAKERSPACE @ MCLEAN

Explore, Make, and Create!

*Makerspace Coding Club

Wednesdays, September 2–December 23 (no session September 30), 7–8:15 p.m.

Ages 12–15

Join our Coding Club, where participants can learn programming techniques, build software, and collaborate on tech projects.

*Upcycling Workshop

Saturday, September 12, 1–2 p.m.

Adults

This community workshop will teach participants how to re-purpose secondhand materials into useful items while exploring basic sewing and textile-crafting skills. All materials provided.

Sundays Are for Makers

Sundays, September 13–December 20 (no session October 11), 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

All ages

Learn about (and create) something new every Sunday. From robotics to design, there's a ton to explore!

*Makerspace Robotics Club: Build and Play

Saturdays, October 3–November 28 (no session October 10), 10–11 a.m.

Ages 5–8

This program blends hands-on creativity with the fundamentals of robotics, engineering, and coding! Using LEGO, learners explore motors, sensors, and simple coding concepts.

Long Weekend Coders

Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

All ages

Want to learn how to use online coding platforms to start your coding journey? Stop by this long weekend and we'll show you where to find these tools and what you can do with them.

Hands-On Learning

Library Card Pouches

*Thursday, September 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Want to learn how to sew but don't know where to start? Why not create a library card pouch? Learn how to cut, fold, iron, and stitch!

Clothing Alterations

*Thursday, October 8, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Learn how easy it is to make quick alterations to your clothes!

Sublimated Bookmarks

*Thursday, November 19, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 28, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Learn how to turn your favourite picture into a keepsake bookmark!

Vinyl Cutting

*Thursday, December 10, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults

Discover how simple it is to use our Cricut machines to create one-of-a-kind clothing and gifts. This month, we'll make custom pencil cases.



Adults & Seniors

Health & Wellness

***Working Through Grief:**

A Guided Journaling Experience

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Intended for any parent who has lost a child

Audley Branch

Explore ways to work through grief with guided journaling and live prompts that you can respond to either verbally or on paper. Presented by the Compassionate Friends Ajax. For more information or to register, email ajax@tcfcanada.net.

***Dementia and Power of Attorneys**

Tuesday, September 22, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about the role of a power of attorney, the responsibilities of decision-makers, and more. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region and Durham Community Legal Clinic.

***Digital Wellness Workshop**

Thursday, September 24, 7–8 p.m.

Zoom

This workshop will help you reclaim balance, strengthen your focus, and create healthier habits around screen use.

***Smart Living Series**

**Tuesdays, September 29, October 13, November 24
2–3 p.m.**

Audley Branch

Explore the foundations of healthy living with this three-part series. With interactive presentations and practical tips, you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to make informed choices about sleep, nutrition, and overall wellness.

The Compassionate Friends Ajax

**Tuesdays, September 29, October 27, November 24,
December 29, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Intended for any parent who has lost a child

Audley Branch

We are here to journey alongside the bereaved until they can make their own choice to reinvest in life again. To learn more, email ajax@tcfcanada.net.

Health & Wellness

***Biblio Banter**

**Tuesdays, September 29, October 27, November 24,
December 15, 7–8:30 p.m.**

Zoom

Join this guided group discussion centred around readings that inspire well-being. No pre-reading is necessary; materials will be provided.

***Becoming You: The Art of Reinvention**

**Wednesdays, October 28–December 2, 1–2:30 p.m.
(no session November 11)**

Registration is for all five weeks

Main Branch

This course is for anyone feeling trapped or lost, or seeking personal reinvention. Through reflective exercises, we'll learn to release beliefs that no longer serve us and clarify who we're becoming. Presented in partnership with Ontario Shores Recovery College.

***Brain Health**

Tuesday, November 10, 1:30–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn how to promote brain health and how lifestyle changes can impact your risk of developing dementia. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region.

***Autism Acceptance Presentation**

Thursday, November 26, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Zoom

Grandview Kids Ability Acceptance Presenter Mitchell Daniels will offer an engaging and informative virtual presentation exploring Autism Spectrum Disorder. Discover the history of autism, common characteristics, and current therapies while gaining a deeper understanding of the lived experiences of autistic individuals.

Adults & Seniors

For Movie Lovers

Cultural Cinema

Tuesdays, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Main Branch

September 1: “The Devil Wears Prada 2” (PG-13)

Andy Sachs reunites with Miranda Priestly as they navigate their careers amid the decline of traditional magazine publishing.

October 6: “Michael” (PG-13)

The early life of Michael Jackson, from the discovery of his talent as the lead of the Jackson Five to the artist whose creative ambition fueled a pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world.

November 3: “Eleanor the Great” (PG-13)

After a devastating loss, witty and proudly troublesome Eleanor Morgenstein, 94, tells a tale that takes on its own dangerous life.

December 1: “EPIc: Elvis Presley in Concert” (PG-13)

Elvis sings and tells his story like never before in a new cinematic experience from visionary filmmaker Baz Luhrmann.

***Box Office Books and Brews:**

“The Housemaid”

Wednesday, October 21

6:30–9 p.m.

Ajax Centre for the Arts

Is the book actually better than the movie? Enjoy a book club and movie screening all rolled into one evening! Pick up a copy of “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden before the movie screening and enjoy a group discussion after the movie. Enjoy a movie-themed cocktail, wine, beer, and snacks available for purchase.



Fill a Purse for a Sister

Tuesday, September 1–Saturday, October 31
Main Branch

Donate a new or gently used purse filled with personal necessities to bring comfort and dignity to women and youth in crisis. Filled purses will be donated to services that support women.

For more information, including which items are most needed, visit fillapurseforasistercampaign.ca.

Environmental Literacy

***Threads of Change: A Conversation on Textile Waste**

Monday, September 14, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Join RenWeSort for a judgment-free conversation about textile waste in our lives. Learn about practical, community-driven solutions through responsible consumption, repair culture, and circular practices.

Small Business

***Ajax Business Network: Expert Advice for Entrepreneurs**

Tuesday, October 27, 9:30–11 a.m.

Main Branch

Join us for an informative session featuring Teresa Shaver, manager of the Business Advisory Centre Durham, and Mohamed Rizwan Bachani, author of “The Entrepreneur’s Money Blueprint.” Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax.

Adults & Seniors



Ajax Archives

Mending Workshop

Thursday, September 24, 1–2:30 p.m.

Main Branch

During World War 2, shortages of everyday materials meant that clothing was too valuable to throw away because of a simple hole or tear, so it was repaired and reused instead. Join the Archives Services Librarian to learn how to hand sew a simple patch while exploring the creative ways Ajax's early residents made the most of what they had.

Preserving the Past: VHS Digitization

Tuesday, December 8, 10–11 a.m.

Main Branch

Have a box of old home videos gathering dust? Learn how to transfer VHS tapes to a computer using a video capture cable. This introductory session covers the equipment, software, and basic steps needed to digitize and preserve your recordings. A demonstration using sample materials will be provided.

Magazines & Newspapers in Your Pocket!

Access current, popular magazines and the world's best newspapers with Flipster and PressReader, free with your Library card.

ajaxlibrary.ca/DigitalCollections

Flipster pressreader

Games

Social Bridge

Thursdays, September 3, 17; October 1, 15, 29; November 5, 19; December 3, 17, 2–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Beginner Bridge

Thursdays, September 10, 24; October 8, 22; November 12, 26; December 10, 2–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

All levels of experience welcome!

Friendly Euchre

Fridays, September 18, October 2, 16, 30; November 13, 27; December 11, 18, 2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Cribbage

Fridays, September 25, October 23, November 20 2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Dungeons & Dragons

D&D Café

Tuesdays, September 1–December 15

5:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch (September 8 session at McLean Branch)

Join one of the Library's D&D groups to slay monsters, enjoy free snacks, and connect with other tabletop gamers! Teens and adults welcome. Interested in attending, but don't have a group? Email Carly at libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca.



Adults & Seniors

Learn

***Stay Connected Training**
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Audley Branch

Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m.
Main Branch

Learn how to stay in touch with these technology training sessions. To register, call 905-683-4000.

***Genealogy Group**
Wednesdays, September 16, October 21,
November 18, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Alcoholics Anonymous Information Session
Wednesday, September 16, 7–8 p.m.
Main Branch

Drop by for an open, welcoming Alcoholics Anonymous chat. We'll share personal stories, challenges we've faced, and the hope and help we've found through AA.

***Living Library in the Library: In Conversation With...**
Thursdays, September 24, October 29, November 19
10–11 a.m.
Main Branch

Check out the Age-Friendly Ajax Living Library! At the Living Library, people are the books. Listen to the "book's" story, enjoy conversation, and learn about experiences different from your own.

Headline Hunters
Tuesdays, September 29, October 27, November 24,
December 15, 1:30–3 p.m.
Main Branch
For more information, call 905-683-4000 or email
libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca.

***Sandwich Years Community Connection**
Tuesday, September 29, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Are you balancing the care of aging parents, children, and yourself? These responsibilities can feel overwhelming, but support is closer than you think. Connect with local resources and professionals who can help.

Learn

***Understanding Human Trafficking: Awareness and Prevention**
Wednesday, October 14, 6:30–8:30
Main Branch

Learn what human trafficking is, how it happens, and how we can respond. Presented in partnership with Victim Services of Durham Region.

***Home Safety for Seniors**
Monday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon
Main Branch

A practical session for seniors on fall prevention and staying safe at home. Presented in partnership with Downsizing Daughters Group.

***Book Bedazzling Night**
Wednesday, November 11, 7–8:30 p.m.
Main Branch

Want to bring your favourite book cover to life? Join fellow book lovers to bedazzle the front cover of your favourite book. We provide the rhinestones; you provide the book! Teens welcome too.



***Exceptional Minds Across the Autism Spectrum with Corinne Levitt**

Thursday, November 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Grandview Kids Learning Centre

Join author and special education teacher Corinne Levitt for a discussion of her book, "Exceptional Minds Across the Autism Spectrum." Learn how a strength-based approach to teaching can help better support autistic learners.

Adults & Seniors

Parent Café

Infant and Toddler Sleep Clinic

Thursday, October 15, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Audley Branch

Learn about safe sleep practices and nap schedules, and get tips for healthy sleep habits for children. Presented by Taylor Gadd, Certified Child Sleep Consultant from Good Night Sleep Site.

***Kids and Online Safety**

Thursday, October 29, 7–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn about current online threats facing children, warning signs parents and caregivers can watch for, and what steps to take if you suspect your child is being targeted. Presented in partnership with the Durham Regional Police Service.

Try the LOTE4Kids App!



Download the LOTE4Kids app to access thousands of stories in 100+ languages! The app is easy to use and ad-free—a great way for parents and caregivers to safely access picture books anywhere, anytime.

You can also access LOTE4Kids in our Digital Collection at ajaxlibrary.ca/DigitalCollections.

Thinking Ahead Series

Based on the **Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC) Caregiver Supports Guide** (available at ajaxlibrary.ca/Policies), Thinking Ahead is a series of workshops that address some of the areas where you can plan ahead as a caregiver or care recipient.

***Pre-Planning for End-of-Life Decisions**

Tuesday, October 6, 2–3 p.m.

Audley Branch

Prepare for end-of-life decisions and have a say in how you would like your legacy to be remembered. Presented in partnership with Arbor Memorial.

For Writers

Ajax Public Library Writers' Group

**Thursdays, October 8, November 12, December 10
6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Main Branch (November 12 session at the Makerspace)

Social writers and avid authors alike—ignite your creativity using our provided topics and phrases! Bring your tale to the circle for sharing. We provide snacks, but please bring your own writing supplies.

BlackLit Durham

***Sundays, October 25, December 6, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**

Ajax Centre for the Arts

Celebrate Black Canadian literary voices of all genres at a night of amazing performances and Q+A with the artists. Sign-ups for open mic poetry sessions start at 6:30 p.m. Visit blacklitdurham.com for more information.



Adults & Seniors

Multilingual & Multicultural

*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services

Weekly on Mondays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (no sessions September 7 and October 12)

Main Branch

Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services provides settlement services for Durham Region residents. Services provided in English, Hindi, Pashto, Persian, and Urdu. To book an appointment, contact Fawzia Nazari, Settlement Counsellor, at 437-235-2871 or email fnazari@afghanwomen.org. Funding provided by Citizenship & Immigration Canada.

*Afghan Women's Organization Refugee and Immigrant Services Citizenship Preparation Class

Weekly on Mondays, 1–2 p.m. (no sessions September 7 and October 12)

Main Branch

To register, contact Fawzia Nazari at 437-235-2871 or email fnazari@afghanwomen.org.

*WMRCC Spanish/English Classes

Mondays, 1–2 p.m. (no sessions September 7, October 12, November 9)

Main Branch

Meet new people, learn English, and socialize with other Spanish-speaking seniors! For details, contact Cristina Gomez at 289-939-0765. Presented in partnership with the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham.

*WMRCC Seniors Social

Weekly on Mondays, 2–5 p.m. (no sessions September 7, October 12, and November 9)

Main Branch

Meet new people, learn new things, and socialize with other Spanish-speaking seniors! For more information and to register, contact Cristina Gomez at 289-939-0765. Presented in partnership with the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham.

Multilingual & Multicultural

DCCC Seniors and Durham Happy Seniors Alliance

Saturdays, September 12, 26; October 10, 24;

November 7, 21; December 5, 19, 12:30–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Enjoy Chinese-style games, dance, Tai Chi, and more. Languages spoken: Cantonese and Mandarin. For more information, email info@durhamchinese.ca. Presented in partnership with Durham Chinese Canadian Culture Centre.

Bilingual Job Fair

Wednesday, October 7, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Meet employers hiring for a variety of positions and take advantage of onsite interviews. French- and English-speaking job seekers are welcome. Presented in partnership with COFRD.

*English Conversation Circle

Wednesdays, October 7–December 9, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Practice English, meet new adults, and join our lively discussions. Alternates between Zoom and in-person. For more information and to register, email Tasnuba Rahman at trahman@cdcd.org.



Always wanted to learn a new language? Choose from over 70, plus a variety of English courses with the Mango Languages app! All you need is a Library card to begin.

Learn more at ajaxlibrary.ca/Online-Resources.

Adults & Seniors

Discover

Crafters' Corner

**Wednesdays, September 9, 23; October 14, 28;
November 11, 25; December 9**
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Knitting and Crochet for Community

**Thursdays, September 10, October 1, November 5,
December 3, 1–3 p.m.**

Audley Branch

***Virtual Armchair Travel**

Tuesdays, September 15, November 17, 1:30–3 p.m.
Zoom

September 15: Indonesia

From the skyscrapers of Jakarta to the rice fields of Bali, there is plenty for us to explore in this vast and ethnically diverse land.

November 17: New Zealand: North Island

We'll be splitting our tour of New Zealand into two parts. This month we'll explore the North Island, home to major destinations like Auckland, Wellington, and Rotorua.

***Armchair Travel**

Tuesdays, October 13, December 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Main Branch

October 13: New Zealand

The Land of the Long White Cloud, as the native Māori people have long called it, includes many features that are seen nowhere else on Earth.

December 8: Türkiye (Turkey)

Türkiye is a nation where continents, cultures, and history collide.

Discover Your History with Ancestry Library Edition

Search family history documents from North America, the UK, Europe, Australia, and more. Available in-Library only at ajaxlibrary.ca/Online-Resources.



Financial Literacy

***Building Financial Confidence: Practical Money Strategies for Every Stage of Life**

Thursday, October 1, 6:30–8 p.m.

Main Branch

Learn practical strategies for budgeting, managing debt, building an emergency fund, understanding investment options, and planning for retirement.

Mobile ID and Benefits Access Hub

Tuesday, October 20, 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Get help accessing benefits that may put money in your pocket. Organizations will be available to help you open a Registered Education Savings Plan, get a Social Insurance Number, and more.

***Wealth and Investing 101**

Thursday, November 5, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Join us to strengthen your financial literacy and get your financial questions answered. Topics include budgeting and saving, borrowing, RRSPs, and more. Presented in partnership with RBC Dominion Securities.

Adults & Seniors

Book Clubs

Interested in joining one of our book clubs? Join the discussion, connect with new people, and pick up suggestions for your next great read. To join, email libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca and let us know which group you are interested in joining.

*Book Chat

Fridays, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Main Branch

September 11: "The Grey Wolf" by Louise Penny
October 2: "Happy Place" by Emily Henry
November 6: "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid
December 4: "Funny Story" by Emily Henry

*Shelf Indulgence

Tuesdays, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, 7–8 p.m.
Main Branch

September 15: "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
October 20: "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
November 17: "The Flight Girls" by Noelle Salazar
December 15: "A Place For Us" by Fatima Mirza

*The Pageturners

Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, 7–8 p.m.
Audley Branch
September 16: "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore
October 21: "What Have You Done?" By Shari Lapena
November 18: "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett
December 16: "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

*Silent Book Club

Mondays, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14, 6:30–8 p.m.
Main Branch

Love books but not the pressure of a traditional book club? Join our Silent Book Club! Bring a book you're currently reading or pick one from our collection, grab a warm beverage, and enjoy some quiet reading time with fellow book lovers.

Book Clubs

*Aud Readers

Thursdays, September 24, October 22, November 26, December 17, 6–7 p.m.
Audley Branch

September 24: "The Secret Keeper" by Genevieve Graham

October 22: "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn

November 26: "Transcription" by Kate Atkinson

December 17: "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

Book a Book Club Kit

Did you know the Library offers Book Club Kits? Borrow 8–12 copies of the same title to share with your group for up to 6 weeks.

Browse the Library's Book Club Kit List and review the available dates. Once you've found the Kit you want to borrow, contact our Collections Services Librarian.

To learn more and book a Kit, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/BookClubKits.



Adults & Seniors

55+ Amateur Short Story Contest

Tuesday, September 1–Saturday, October 31

Get your creativity flowing! The Ajax Public Library Older Adults Advisory Committee and the Town of Ajax Recreation & Culture Older Adults Task Force are pleased to bring you the fifth annual 55+ Amateur Short Story Contest.

This year's theme is **"A Recipe for Happiness."**

Visit ajaxlibrary.ca/55PlusContest for more information, or pick up an entry form at any branch. Winners will be announced in November.



Call for Volunteers: Older Adults Advisory Committee

Deadline to apply is Friday, November 6

If you are 55+ and a resident of Ajax, the Library needs you! We are looking for members for our 2027–2028 Older Adults Advisory Committee (OAAC). By becoming a member, you will have a chance to share your ideas on how the Library can prepare for a growing older adult population. To learn more and apply, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Jobs-Volunteers.

Borrow a Pickleball Kit!

Our new Pickleball Kits contain everything you need to get out on the courts, including paddles, a how-to-play sheet, and more. Play singles or doubles with 2-player and 4-player Kits!

To place a hold, visit ajaxlibrary.ca/Library-Things.





Seniors Centre Without Walls

Join using
Zoom or call in
Mondays through
Wednesdays at
1:30 p.m.

Join us for a FREE interactive program from the comfort of your home. Themes include fun activities, education, health & wellness and more. Each month a new calendar will highlight the upcoming days of activities.

Information Highway

Join informative guest speakers on topics like health, entertainment, and finances; discuss local & global news; explore Ajax history with the Ajax Public Library; and enjoy short stories from various genres.

Fit and Fun

Keep your mind and body fit through exercises led by knowledgeable and nationally accredited Town of Ajax fitness instructors and end your week laughing with the joke of the week.

Worldly Wonders

Travel the world from the comfort of your home; learn about people from different countries and cultures; boldly go where your taste buds have never gone before with recipes from around the globe.

Challenge Accepted

Put your knowledge to the test during weekly themed trivia questions, games and fun or fiction trivia; guess who dun' it during Minute Mysteries; challenge yourself with memory games.

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September 2026 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2
	Fit or Fun: Scattergories	Information Highway: Minute Mysteries
7	8	9
No Programming	Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	Fit or Fun: Riddles
14	15	16
Wordly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Morocco	Fit or Fun: Fitness Demo	Information Highway: Durham Storytellers
21	22	23
Challenge Accepted: Trivia	Fit or Fun: 52 Card Bingo	Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
28	29	30
Information Highway: Biographies - Cary Grant	Fit or Fun: Jeopardy	Information Highway: Linda Dempster

Summi Siddiqui

Enjoy lectures, stories, poems and paintings as Summi connects cultures beyond borders.

Linda Dempster

Enjoy conversation and music with singer and songwriter Linda Dempster!

Durham Storytellers

A dedicated group, who love to continue the verbal tradition without using books or notes and are considered part of the performing arts.

Dalia Gesser

Join in the conversation as Dalia Gesser, a published author, reads stories that will trigger memories and anecdotes to share.

Space
is limited.



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October 2026 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
5 Worldly Wonder: Armchair Travel - Camino De Santiago	6 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	7 Challenge Accepted: Fun Fact Frenzy
12 No Programming	13 Fit or Fun: Fitness Demo	14 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers
19 Challenge Accepted: 20 Questions	20 Fit or Fun: Jeopardy	21 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
26 Information Highway: Biographies - Sophia Loren	27 Fit or Fun: Minute Mysteries	28 Information Highway: Historical Mysteries

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November 2026 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Worldly Wonder: Armchair Travel - Turkey Pt. 1	3 Fit or Fun: Charades	4 Information Highway: Book Chat
9 Information Highway: Film Friends	10 Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	11 Information Highway: Durham Storytellers
16 Information Highway: Local History - Street Names	17 Fit or Fun: Fitness Demo	18 Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
23 Challenge Accepted: Word Game	24 Fit or Fun: Jeopardy	25 Information Highway: Why Do We Say It?
30 Information Highway: Biographies - John Wayne		

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December 2026 Program Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2
	Information Highway: Dalia Gesser	Challenge Accepted: Name That Tune
7	8	9
Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Turkey Pt. 2	No Programming	Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui
14	15	16
Information Highway: Biographies - Charles Dicken	Fit or Fun: Fitness Demo	Information Highway: Linda Dempster
21	22	23
No Programming	No Programming	No Programming
28	29	30
No Programming	No Programming	No Programming

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Ajax Public Library Community Connections

Connect with these organizations and their staff for the following services:

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

- Guidance and answers to common ODSP questions from ODSP caseworker
- Information about available supports

Tuesdays, September 1–December 29

12 noon–4:30 p.m.

Main Branch

Durham French Employment Centre (COFRD)

- Résumé and cover letter assistance
- Connect French-speaking job seekers with employers that wish to hire francophone or bilingual (French/English) workers

Wednesdays, September 2, November 4, December 2

9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Main Branch

Conseil des organismes francophones de la Région de Durham (COFRD)

- Settlement services tailored to French-speaking newcomers

Fridays, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Housing Help Durham

- Rental accommodations and tenant rights
- Subsidized, non-profit, and emergency housing

Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

Alzheimer Society of Durham Region Information Table

- Learn about services and programs available to those living with dementia and their care partners

Thursday, September 10, 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday, October 15, 12:30–2 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 9–10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 10, 12:30–2 p.m.

Main Branch

Durham Employment and Newcomer Centre

- Résumé and cover letter assistance
- Services related to finding a job

Mondays, September 14, November 9, December 14

Tuesday, October 13

2–4 p.m.

Main Branch

John Howard Society

- Harm reduction and safe practices
- Naloxone kits and training on their use available upon request

Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16

1–3 p.m.

Main Branch

Foster Parent Information Session

- Durham Children's Aid Society has an urgent need for foster homes. To learn more, join this session or email foster@durhamcas.ca

Tuesday, October 6

6:30–8:30 p.m.

Main Branch

2026 Design a Bookmark Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the September–December Design a Bookmark Contest winners!

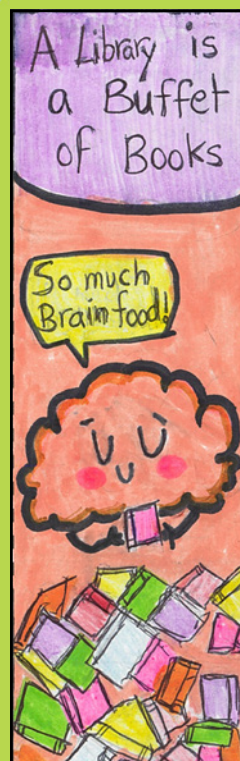
Pick up a new winning bookmark each month at any branch.



September winner:
Shambhavi P.



October winner:
Alayah S.



November winner:
Naqiyah M.



December winner:
Kian C.

Branch Locations

Main Branch

55 Harwood Ave. S.

Audley Branch

1955 Audley Rd. N.

McLean Branch & Makerspace

95 Magill Dr.

Ajax Community Centre NovelBranch

75 Centennial Rd.

Branch Hours

Monday–Friday

9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

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Monday–Thursday

9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Friday

9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday closed

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